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In re Patent Application of)
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Norio INOMATA et al.) Group Art Unit: 1654
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Application No.: 09/171,928) Examiner: BORIN
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Filed: October 5, 1998) BOX AF
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For: PHARMACEUTICAL)
COMPOSITION FOR TREATMENT)
OF HEART DISEASE BASED ON)
CARDIAC HYPERTROPHY)

REPLY AND AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In complete response to the outstanding Official Action dated January 2, 2001,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please delete claims 1-5 and 15-20 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 6 and 21 as follows:

6. (Twice Amended) A method for treatment of cardiac hypertrophy by
reducing heart weight not based on diuretic and hypotensive effects comprising
continuously administering a substance that acts on guanylyl cyclase A natriuretic peptide
receptor and is able to accelerate production of cyclic guanosine monophosphate, to a

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In re Patent Application of)
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Norio INOMATA et al) Group Art Unit: 1631
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Application No.: 09/171,928) Examiner: M. Borin
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Filed: October 5, 1998)
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For: PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITION)
FOR TREATMENT OF HEART)
DISEASE BASED ON CARDIAC)
HYPERTROPHY)

AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

- ☒ A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
- ☐ A Terminal Disclaimer and a check for ☐ \$55.00 (248) ☐ \$110.00 (148) to cover the requisite Government fee are also enclosed.
- ☒ Also enclosed is a Notice of Appeal.
- ☐ Small entity status is hereby claimed.
- ☐ Applicant(s) request continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the ☐ \$355.00 (279) ☐ \$710.00 (179) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
- ☐ Applicant(s) previously submitted __, on __, for which continued examination is requested.
- ☐ Applicant(s) request suspension of action by the Office until at least __, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.
- ☐ A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (146/246) is also enclosed.
- ☒ No additional claim fee is required.

☐ An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

AMENDED CLAIMS					
	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	ADDT'L FEE
Total Claims		MINUS =		× \$18.00 (103) =	
Independent Claims		MINUS =		× \$80.00 (102) =	
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$270.00 (104)					
Total Amendment Fee					
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Amendment Fee					
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					

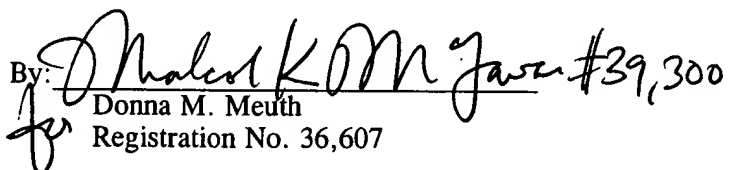
☐ A claim fee in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed.

☐ Charge \$_____ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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